Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   An account processing method, executed by an account system, including:

receiving account data over a communications network, said account data having been extracted in a first predetermined format from an accounting software package of a remote computer system of a client;

processing said account data for storage in a database system in a second predetermined format and in a predetermined form based on parameters for the client, wherein said parameters define business rules and variables for said client, and said business rules control said account data processing; and

generating customer account information, including statement data, from said processed account data in said database system for respective customers of said client.

2.   (Original)   An account processing method as claimed in claim 1, including extracting said account data in said first predetermined format.

3.   (Cancelled)

4.   (Original)   An account processing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said generating step includes sending said account data to a printing system and printing, sorting and inserting in envelopes said account information for said customers.

5.   (Original)   An account processing method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said account information includes statements, invoice, cheques and/or other account documents.

6.   (Previously Presented)   An account processing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said generating step includes sending the account information to said customers by electronic transmission media, including email, fax and electronic funds transfer (EFT) systems.

7.   (Previously Presented)   An account processing method as claimed in claim 1, including making said account information available to customers via a software interface accessible over a communications network, including the Internet.

8.   (Original)   An account processing method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the software interface includes a transaction module for inputting payment instructions from customers corresponding to the account information, and executing a payment transaction on the basis of the instructions.

9.   (Original)   An account processing method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said processing includes filtering, and verifying said account data, executing said business rules on said account data using said variables and DPID and OMR processing.

10.   (Currently Amended)   An account system, including:

means for receiving account data over a communications network, said account data having been extracted in a first predetermined format from an accounting software package of a remote computer system of a client;

means for processing said account data for storage in a database system in a second predetermined format and in a predetermined form based on parameters for the client, wherein said parameters define business rules and variables for said client, and said processing means executes said business rules; and

means for generating customer account information, including statement data, from said processed account data in said database system for respective customers of said client.

11.   (Original)   An account system as claimed in claim 10, including means for extracting said account data in said first predetermined format.

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Original)   An account system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said generating means includes a printing system for printing, sorting and inserting in envelopes said account information for said customers.

14.   (Original)   An account system as claimed in claim 13, wherein said account information includes statements, invoice, cheques and/or other account documents.

15.   (Previously Presented)   An account system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said generating means sends the account information to said customers by electronic transmission media, including email, fax and electronic funds transfer (EFT) systems.

16.   (Previously Presented)   An account system as claimed in claim 10, including a software interface accessible over a communications network, including the Internet, and which makes said account information available to customers.

17.   (Original)   An account system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the software interface includes a transaction module for inputting payment instructions from customers corresponding to the account information, and executing a payment transaction on the basis of the instructions.

18.   (Original)   An account system as claimed in claim 12, wherein said processing means filters, and verifies said account data, executes said business rules on said account data using said variables and executes DPID and OMR processing.

19.   (Currently Amended)   Account processing software, including:

code for receiving account data over a communications network, said account data having been extracted in a first predetermined format from an accounting software package of a remote computer system of a client;

code for processing said account data for storage in a database system in a second predetermined format and in a predetermined form based on parameters for the client, wherein

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said parameters define business rules and variables of said software for said client, and said business rules control said account data processing; and

code for generating customer account information, including statement data, from said processed account data in said database system for respective customers of said client.

20.   (Original)   Account processing software as claimed in claim 19, including code for extracting said account data in said first predetermined format.

21.   (Cancelled)

22.   (Original)   Account processing software as claimed in claim 19, wherein said generating code controls printing, sorting and inserting in envelopes said account information for said customers.

23.   (Original)   Account processing software as claimed in claim 22, wherein said account information includes statements, invoice, cheques and/or other account documents.

24.   (Previously Presented)   Account processing software as claimed in claim 19, wherein said generating code sends the account information to said customers by electronic transmission media, including email, fax and electronic funds transfer (EFT) systems.

25.   (Previously Presented)   Account processing software as claimed in claim 19, includes a software interface accessible over a communications network, including the Internet, for making said account information available to customers.

26.   (Original)   Account processing software as claimed in claim 25, wherein the software interface includes a transaction module for inputting payment instructions from customers corresponding to the account information, and executing a payment transaction on the basis of the instructions.

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27. (Original)   Account processing software as claimed in claim 21, wherein said processing code filters, and verifies said account data, executes said business rules on said account data using said variables and executes DPID and OMR processing.

28. (Cancelled)